Farmington April 10. 1857

Rev & Dear Sir

The wife of Deacon Martin Bull was, as you suppose, a sister of your grand-mother Norton & of Dr Cyprian Strong. The latter used often in my youth to visit at Dea. Bull's & to preach in our pulpit on the sabbath on these occasions.

The wife of Col. Noadiah Hooker was from Rocky-Hill, Wethersfield. Her family name was Griswold. She could not therefore, I think have been an aunt of your mother. Col. Norton & Col. Hooker were fellow officers in the war of the Revolution, & kept up their intimacy with each other through life. This extended to their families, & in that way

I suppose it was that Col. Hooker & his wife used often to visit at your father's after his marriage in Col. Norton's family. The fact of their being often there together is well remembered by some living here. It may have been in this way that you were led to suppose that there was some natural affinity between them.

The wife of Col. Isaac Cowles was of the Hooker family sister of Maj. Roger Hooker, whom you perhaps remember. I am not aware of any natural or near connexion of the Norton & Hooker families. Your mother could not I think have been cousin to Mrs Isaac Cowles. Tim^{y} Cowles, her son, who still lives, informs me that he believes there was no such connectio

You speak of having been present at my ordination. You may feel some interest in the sketch of our history since as given in my semi-centennial discourse; a copy of which sent herewith, please to accept —

Yours affectionately

N. Porter.

Rev E. Robinson D.D.

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